



BISWAS ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2020-2021



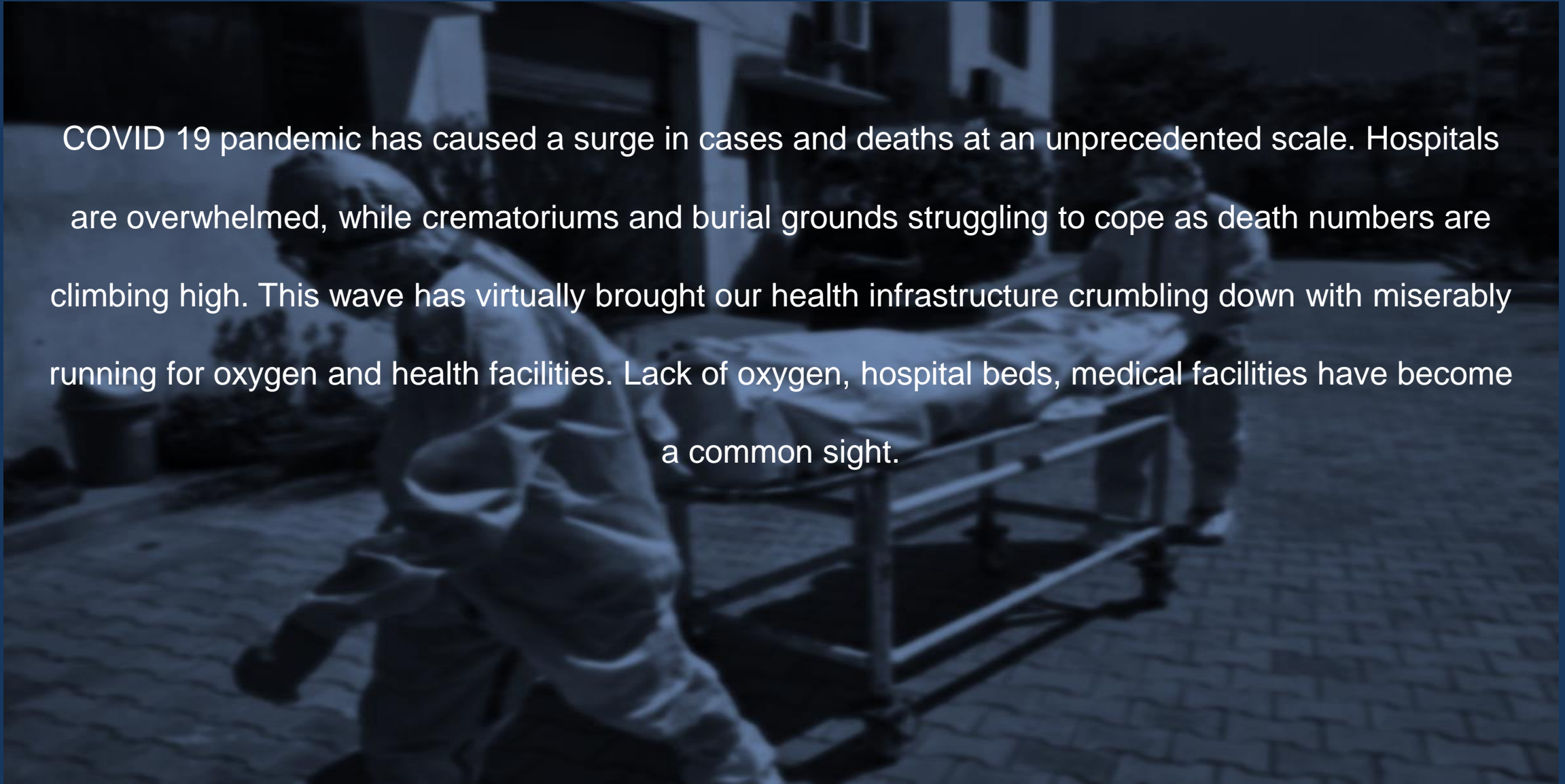
BISWAS is a non-profit voluntary organisation working for the underprivileged and marginalised sections in North Odisha.

Our goal is to promote holistic development through need-based, voluntary activities by involving people from all background and ages.



COVID 19

COVID 19 pandemic has caused a surge in cases and deaths at an unprecedented scale. Hospitals are overwhelmed, while crematoriums and burial grounds struggling to cope as death numbers are climbing high. This wave has virtually brought our health infrastructure crumbling down with miserably running for oxygen and health facilities. Lack of oxygen, hospital beds, medical facilities have become a common sight.



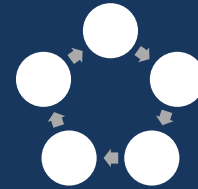


OUR APPROACH



Precaution is better than cure

Physical distancing, wearing mask and regular sanitisation



Decentralised voluntary action

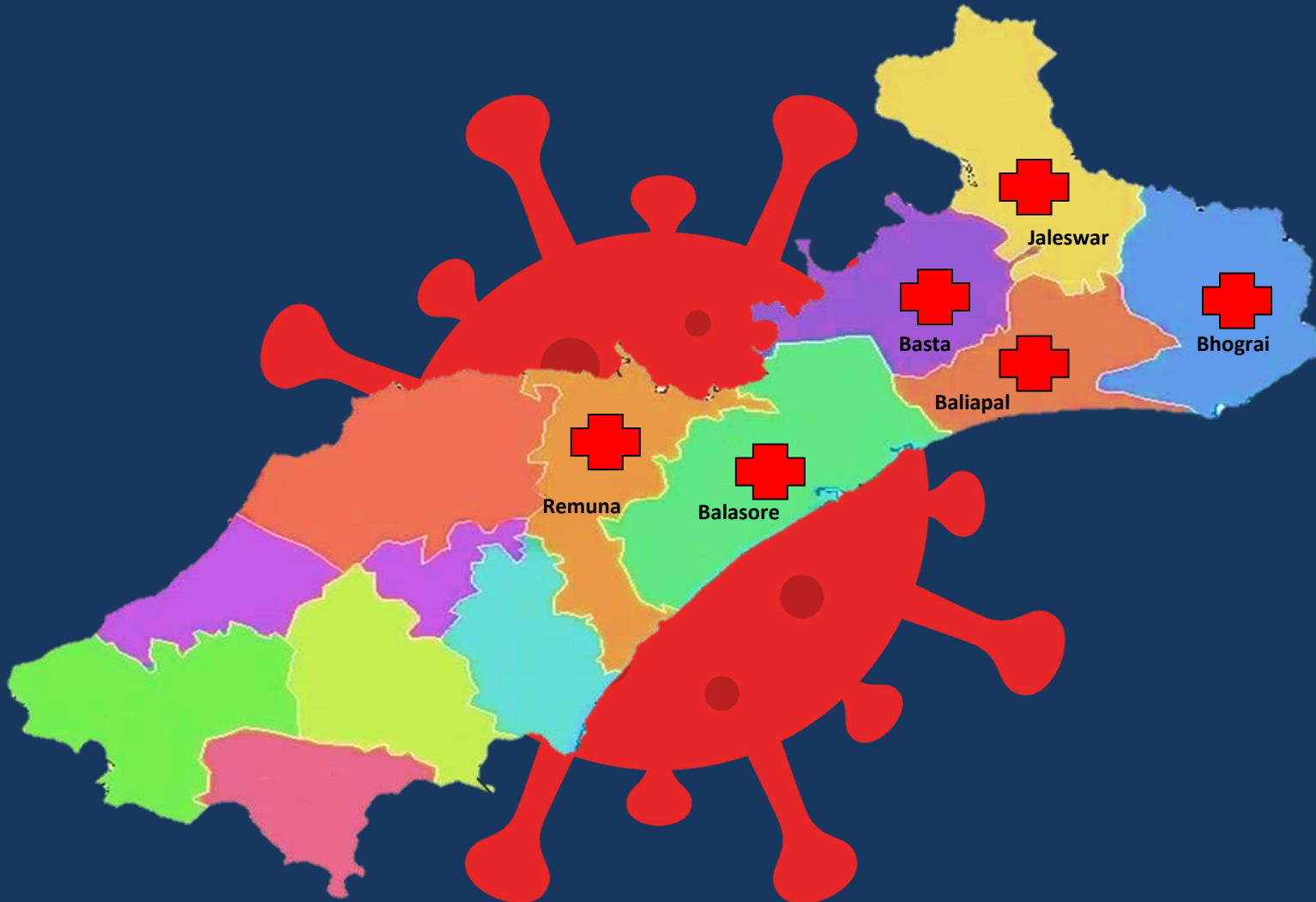
COVID related intervention at local level through Odisha COVID Response Network (OCRN) formation, village protection committee



Support to Public administration

COVID help desk management, Supply of essential medical kits, vaccine registration

VOLUNTARY INITIATIVES DURING COVID, BALASORE DISTRICT



Our network of volunteers have actively reached out to citizens of Balasore district to check the spread of deadly virus.

Blocks – 6

Panchayats – 27

Municipality - 1

COVID AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT PUBLIC PLACES



Temperature checkup of citizens entering the market



Sanitisation of public places



Distribution of masks to the street vendors



Sanitisation of individual households

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM



Distribution of medical kits to DHH, Balasore



Distribution of medical kits to CHC, Remuna



Public helpdesk management at DHH, Balasore



Distribution of oxygen concentrator to CHC, Remuna

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE AT VILLAGE LEVELS



Formation of Village Protection Committee



Basic training on use of COVID medical kits



Distribution of masks at a village

SUMMARY OF COVID MEDICAL SUPPLIES



Support Type	Details
N95 mask	1500
Cotton mask	2000
Surgical mask	5000
Isolation kit	30
Surgical gloves	300 sets
Pulse oximeter	30
Thermal scanner	30
PPE kits	50
Steam vaporizer	30
NaClO for sanitisation	150 litres
Face shield	200
Oxygen concentrator	1

Vaccine Registration – 150

Covid help desk management - ~ 6000 calls

AFTERMATH OF CYCLONE 'YAAS'



Thousands of villages suffered severely as cyclone 'Yaas' battered the coastal regions of the Balasore district. Heavy downpour, high tides and gusty winds have destroyed the thatched houses, washed away animals and inundated the low lying areas. The rising seawater swept the farmlands, making them uncultivable and has contaminated the groundwater, making it unfit for human consumption.

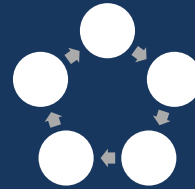


OUR APPROACH



Support to Public administration

Coordination with the disaster response team, evacuation of people to safer locations



Decentralised voluntary action

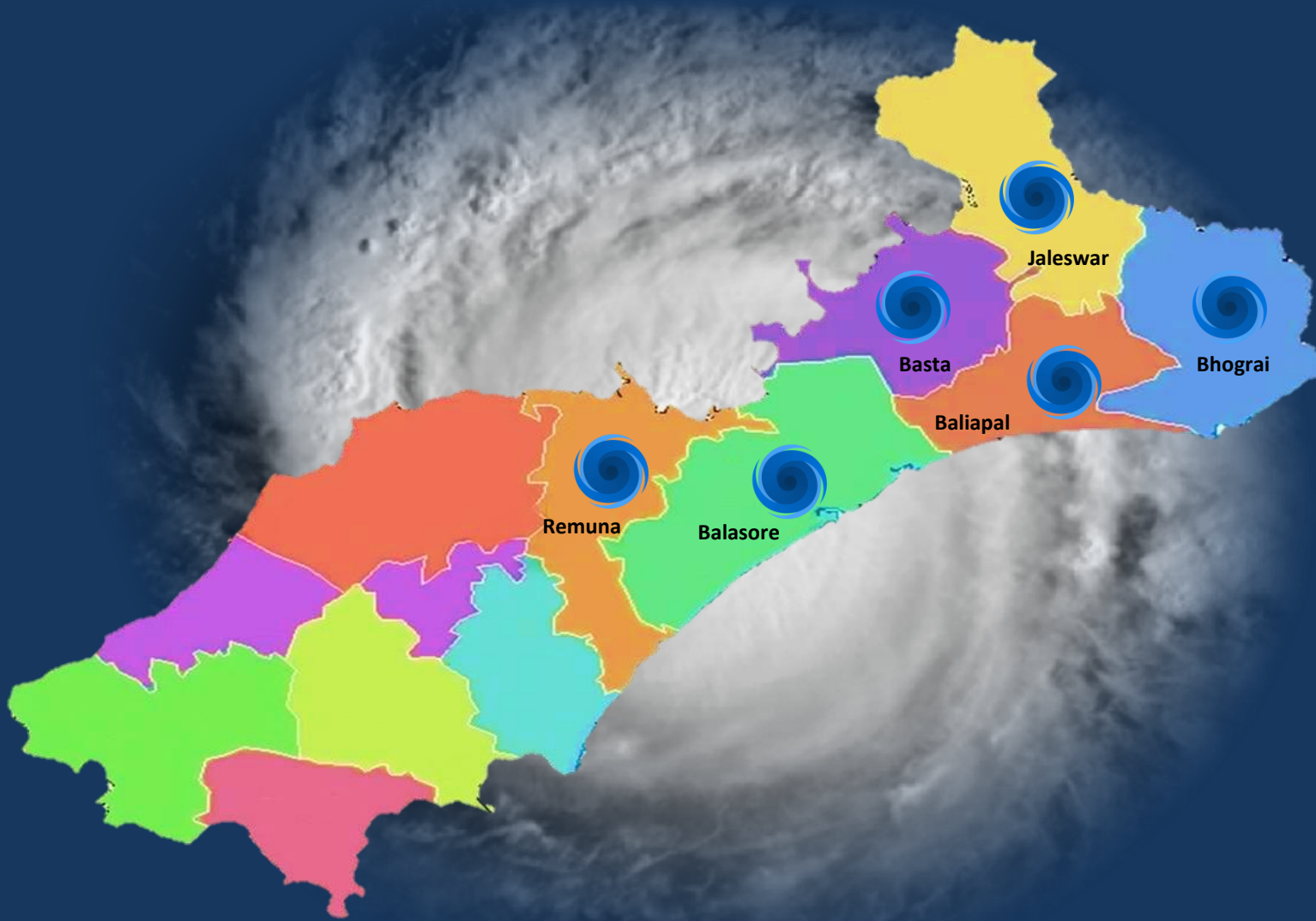
Formation of whatsapp group, Supply of essential relief, damage evaluation, provision of drinking water, village protection committee



Environment protection and livelihood generation

Plantation drive along the coastline, Reviving livelihoods through Farmers club, ownership creation

VOLUNTARY INITIATIVES DURING 'YAAS' CYCLONE



Our network of volunteers have actively reached out to citizens during and post the cyclone 'Yaas'

Blocks – 6

Panchayats – 23

Municipality - 1

EVACUATION PROCESS DURING 'YAAS' CYCLONE



Joint efforts of BISWAS & disaster response team



Awareness by volunteers

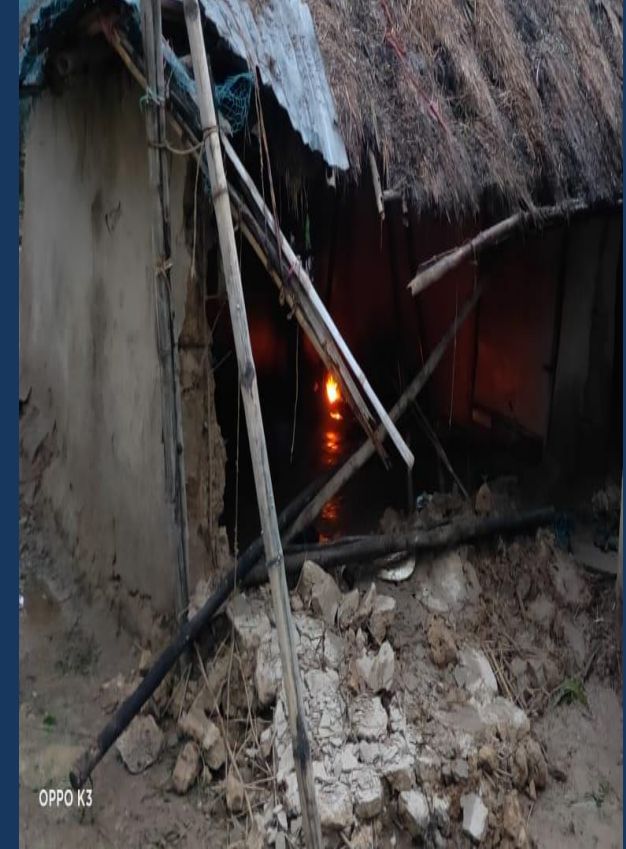


Cyclone preparedness meeting with the villagers



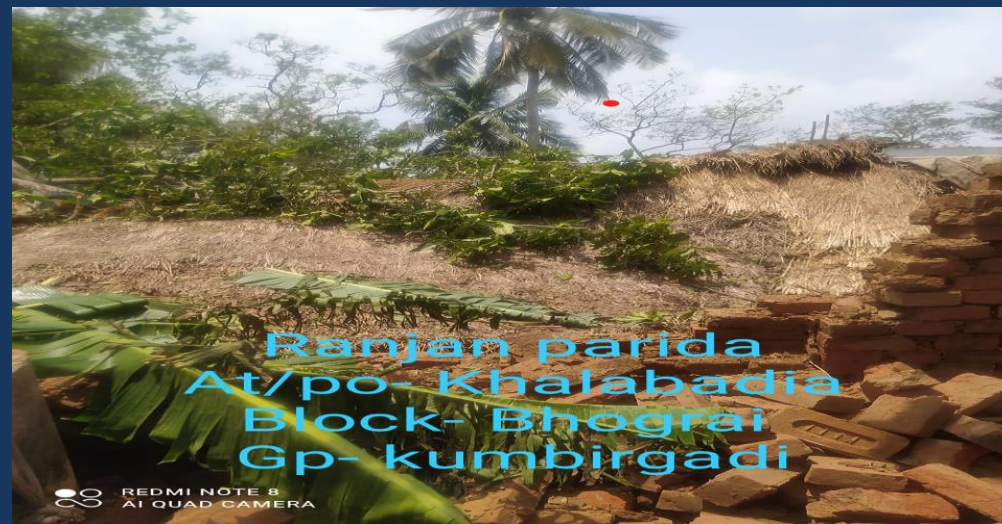
Evacuation of people to shelters

DAMAGE EVALUATION



A glimpse of the damage caused by 'YAAS'

DAMAGE EVALUATION



Photographic details of damaged household data collected in the volunteers Whatsapp group and then shared with the administration

RELIEF AND RESTORATION WORK



Arranging old clothes for the children



Supply of dry foods



Supply of cooked food

SPECIAL DRIVE AT KUMBHIRAGADI GP, BHOGRAI BLOCK



Ration kit and drinking water supply provided to 205 families for 15 days at Kumbhiragadi village; one of the worst affected villages in the cyclone.

LONG TERM INTERVENTION



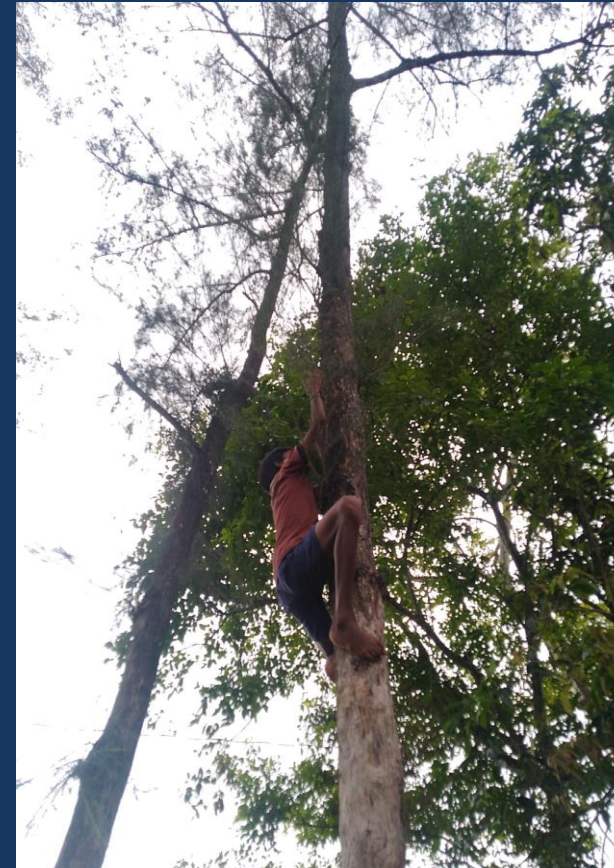
The primary cause of cyclonic destruction is due to deforestation along the coastline. Casuarina tree, which acts as a natural barrier against wind, has been destroyed by human beings for collecting firewood. It is imperative to revive the Casuarina forest by planting its saplings along the coastline to avert a future cyclonic storm. Similarly, the plantation of the Acacia tree is also essential to revive the nutrient quality of the soil.



Distribution of Acacia saplings through village protection committee



Plantation of Acacia saplings



Casuarina seed collection

LONG TERM INTERVENTION



The provision of water filters will reduce the problem of clean drinking water in the cyclone affected regions.



Distribution of water filters to Anganwadi Kendra under
'Swacch Pani Prayash'

SUMMARY OF RELIEF AND RESTORATION WORK



Support Type	Details
Evacuation*	~20,000 persons
Food	1400 families
Old cloth	200 persons
Drinking water	205 families
Saplings distributed	1500

**In collaboration with NDRF team and public administration*

FUTURE INTERVENTION



Plantation of 1,00,000 trees along the coastline of Balasore district

Desalinization of land

Supply of seed kits to the farmers

Seed bank creation through farmers' club

Promotion of organic farming

Livestock vaccination

Conduct virtual health camps

“YOUR HELP CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE”



Our volunteers are trying their best to help the COVID and YAAS affected victims. However, this is a long battle for which we need your crucial support to bring sustainable change.

How can you support us?



Volunteer



Medical kit &
COVID self test kit



Medicine



Oxygen
cylinder/concentrator



Ration kit



Water Filter



Saplings



Seeds



We are always grateful to our well-wishers and collaborators for supporting us directly or indirectly in the journey of helping vulnerable communities.

- National Disaster Response Force
- Public Administration
- Balasore Social Service Society
- Radio Bulbul 91. 2 FM
- Tata Steel
- Goonj
- Yuva Bikas
- Ocean Care
- Viroga Natural Pvt. Ltd.
- Sanjivani Pharmaceuticals
- Sahoyog
- All the volunteers for relentlessly working to help the citizens



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